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Amendments to the Abstract

Please replace the Abstract currently on file with new Abstract submitted herewith.

ABSTRACT

An animal feeder support apparatus for containing animal waste feed by capturing the waste in a collection container, consisting of a bottomless supporting base to be fixed to the ground, the base including a compartment large enough to shelter a collection container, a hollow telescopic support tube, a saucer-shaped platform bowed down towards an opening within a low point, the platform ~~including a stand or a hanging member to support a roof fixed to the platform and to suspend the bird feeder such that the platform prevents~~ preventing waste derived from the bird feeder from falling on the lawn. ~~The, the~~ hollow telescopic support tube is coupled to an opening in the saucer-shaped platform and to the supporting base such that the hollow support forms a waste passageway from the platform to the collection container below to prevent the waste from falling on the ground, and a path from the platform to the collection container via the passageway is substantially unobstructed. ~~The tube includes multiples encasing sections that enable the user to adjust the height of the apparatus through extending and retracting the encasing sections. In use, the tube may have pegs or any other suitable retention means for maintaining the multiple encasing sections in an extended position and the apparatus in an upright position on the lawn.~~